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LOK SABHA

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MPLAD FUND FOR BIHAR MEMBERS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds actually allocated to Members of Parliament (MPs) of Bihar along with the funds earmarked/proposed to be allocated under MPLAD Scheme for Fifteenth Lok Sabha;

(b) whether the released amount remain unutilised and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure spending of funds in time;

(c) whether a number of recommendations made by the MPs are remaining unfulfilled in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon, constituency-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d) Under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) the total entitlement of Lok Sabha MPs from Bihar in the 15th Lok Sabha upto the end of the financial year 2012-13 was Rs. 560 crore. An amount of Rs. 378 crore has been released uptil 31.03.2013, after receipt of required documents and certificates from the District Authorities. An amount of Rs. 186.83 crore has been reported to have been utilized uptil 31.03.2013.

The provisions and conditions for fund release and management are given in Para 4, Sub-paras 4.1 to 4.17, of the Guidelines of MPLADS. Funds released to District Authorities are non-lapsable. Funds left in the District are carried forward for utilization in the subsequent years. Funds not released by Government of India in a year are carried forward for making releases in the subsequent years.

This Ministry continuously emphasises on timely and regular utilization of funds and submission of required documents and certifications by the District Authorities.

Under the Scheme, the MPs recommend works of developmental nature. The selection of the Implementing Agencies and the actual implementation in the field are undertaken by the District Authorities. Data on recommendations made and pending in the Districts is not maintained centrally in the Ministry.